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Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT

TOPIC Rail Movements in the Wolmirstedt-Magdeburg Area 25X1

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 28 March 1952

REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1

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REMARKS

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1. Troop trains which passed through the Wolmirstedt (M 53/Y 61) railroad station between 29 February and 10 March 1952 included: a train of 10 boxcars with soldiers and about 53 flatcars carrying trucks, jeeps, AT guns and searchlights at 2 p.m. on 29 February; a train of 8 boxcars with soldiers and 56 flatcars carrying trucks, AT guns and jeeps at 8:30 a.m. on 2 March; and a train of 5 boxcars with soldiers and 21 flatcars with jeeps and trucks at 11:20 p.m. on 10 March. (1)

2. Troop trains observed at the Magdeburg-Lothensee freight yard between 4 and 11 March included: a train, without a locomotive, of nine boxcars with soldiers and an unknown number of flatcars with 1 steaming field kitchen, 10 AT guns and about 16 trucks at 7:30 a.m. on 4 March; a train of 10 boxcars with soldiers and an unknown number of flatcars with 5 AT guns, 5 heavy tanks and 5 trucks, proceeding toward Magdeburg at 8 p.m. on 6 March; and a train of 10 boxcars with soldiers and an unknown number of flatcars with 5 trucks and 10 tanks proceeding toward Magdeburg at 8 p.m. on 11 March. (1)

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3. Vehicles driving from the Wolmirstedt railroad station toward Letzling Heath between 29 February and 9 March included: 18 or 19 heavy tanks at 3 a.m. on 29 February; 5 heavy tanks at 11:30 a.m. on 2 March; heavy tanks Nos M 02, M 08, 824 and 825 at 10 a.m. on 3 March; 5 heavy tanks at 5 a.m. and 15 heavy tanks at midnight on 4 March; and 5 heavy tanks at 5 a.m. on 5 March. (2) Heavy tanks [REDACTED]

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- with military personnel at 7:25 a.m. on 9 March. (3)

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- b. Vehicles driving from the direction of Letzling Heath to the Wolmirstedt railroad station between 6 and 9 March included: 5 heavy tanks at 1:30 p.m. on 6 March; heavy tanks [REDACTED] at 10 a.m. on 7 March; 10 trucks mounting machine guns on tripod, 1 radio truck and 1 ambulance at 10 a.m. on 9 March. The trucks carried five soldiers [REDACTED]

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- (4) Six heavy tanks [REDACTED] at 1:30 p.m. on 9 March. (5) Seven heavy tanks including [REDACTED], SP guns [REDACTED], 1 unnumbered SP gun and 13 trucks at 10 a.m. on 11 March. [REDACTED]

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Comments.

- (1) The troop train mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 cannot be accounted for. Some of these units possibly went to the command-post exercise which began in the Naumburg area on 3 March 1952.
- 25X1 (2) the tank columns observed between 29 February and 5 March 1952 are probably identical with the units of the 20th Gds Mecz Div on troop trains from Zeitz and Jena.
- 25X1 (3) The vehicles belong to the 15th (Gds?) Tank SP Regt of the 39th Gds Ltz Rifle Div.
- 25X1 (4) the units loaded at the Weimarestadt railroad station on 7 and 9 March 1952 are components of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Zeitz and Jena including the unidentified guards tank regiment, which probably returned to their home stations.
- 25X1 (5) probably a unit of the 15th (Gds) Tank SP Regt of the 39th Gds Ltz Rifle Div.
- 25X1 (6) the unidentified guards heavy tank SP regiment of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Jena; the tanks, however, belonged to the 220th Tank SP Regt of the Eighth Gds Army from Leuchau.

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